

RE: Coutts reopening

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Appreciate this update. Keep me posted. Thanks for the good work everyone.
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Minister,

As an update to the situation at Coutts POE, the RCMP has reported that protestors and their vehicles were leaving the blockade sites around 15:00 local time on February 14. Around 20:30, the CBSA was advised that the RCMP had removed the conveyances blocking the lanes and have been able to effectively secure the area. Subsequently and in light of no further signs of public disorder, the CBSA is in position to reopen the Coutts POE today. Furthermore, the CBSA received formal request by RCMP A/Commissioner Zablocki to lift the temporary suspension of services at Coutts moments ago.

In light of the above, I am pleased to report that **the CBSA will resume service at Coutts POE today at approximately 11:00 local time.** The CBSA will issue a Border Alert and communications social media channels.

With respect to Pacific Highway POE in British Columbia, the CBSA was notified by the RCMP and our other law enforcement partners that they have restored order at the POE. At 23:50 local time on February 14, the RCMP had successfully cleared and opened the north and southbound road for the resumption of traffic. As such, the traffic flow has resumed at this land border crossing with no sign of media and very few, if any, protestors remaining on site. The CBSA has advised stakeholders and clients that border services were restored via the CBSA Border Alert Service and communications social media channels.

We continue to monitor the evolution of the situation at our border crossings and will keep you apprised of any further developments.

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